

SACRAMENTO EXPLOSION CHARGED TO GERMANS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 18.—Gov. William D. Stephens today charged the dynamite explosion which yesterday damaged the executive mansion is accepted today by the police and sheriff's deputies who are working to produce tangible clues as to the identity of the persons responsible.

The city commissioners have offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the plotters. The governor has issued a statement that the dynamiting was done "with a view to terrorism, the chief weapon of the alleged enemy."

SEC. WILSON URGES END OF ST. PAUL STRIKE

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 18.—Secretary of Labor Wilson, who is here seeking a settlement of the dispute between the street railway employees, now on strike, and the employers, has appealed to the workers to put an end to labor disputes of all kinds at least for the period of the war. He asked them to co-operate with the Government in winning the war.

The President, he said, has already arbitrarily fixed maximum prices at which capitalists may dispose of their goods, but, he pointed out, the President has not in any cases fixed a maximum price that should be paid for labor.

CHAUFFEUR'S CARD GAINS ADMITTANCE TO U. S. BUILDINGS

The International News Service today wired the following Washington dispatch:

The investigation of the operation of the pass system used to prevent spies from entering public buildings at Washington, which is being conducted, already has revealed grave abuses. Watchmen on the doors of many public buildings have grown lax to some extent, and there has not been the fullest possible co-operation on the part of the persons having legitimate business in the Government department buildings.

It has been brought to light that one man has daily been visiting one of the public buildings on a chauffeur's license. This license card, which is of the same size and color as the passes, appears at a glance to be the proper pass. It is customary for persons entering the buildings merely to flash their passes. It has been learned that in some cases theater tickets and other small cards have been successfully used in gaining admittance to public buildings for persons not authorized to enter.

There has been some leading of passes also, the person to whom the pass is issued turning it over to a friend or business associate to gain him admittance to a public building. The passes are not transferable under the Government public building regulations, and this lending of them is an abuse which the authorities will seek to stop. A general checking up of the entire pass system now is under way, and is expected to result in the exclusion from public buildings of persons who may be gathering information for the enemy or be pursuing some illegitimate business.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO MEN AT FRONT

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WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 18.—It's a long, long way back home, and here in France Noel is different from plain American Christmas—but the Sammies are going to make their part of France as near like a homey Christmas as they can.

The soldiers presents have arrived. Exigencies of the weather have made it desirable to distribute some of them. One whole company of a certain regiment of infantry, for instance, gratefully bundled up today in new sweaters and helmets and wristlets knitted by a girls' club of Berkeley, Cal.

Too Eager to Wait.

They came at an opportune moment. It has been cold and frosty for soldiering during the past few days. Many other Christmas presents, arriving ahead of time, found the soldiers to whom they were addressed too eager to let them stay unpacked until Christmas day. As a result, there were thousands of Sammies today smoking real honest-to-goodness American cigarettes and pipes filled with home brands of tobacco. There were other thousands who munched chocolate candy or crushed nuts and raisins. Packages are arriving daily, and from the looks of things the Christmas spirit will be a continuous performance for the next few days.

One thing bothers a good many soldiers. That is, they won't be able to cable thanks or Christmas greetings to loved folks back home.

"Tell everybody back there," said one spokesman to the United Press correspondent today, "that we're awfully sorry, but we can't cable them. The authorities have stopped our cables because they were afraid they'd clutter up the wires. Those of us who tried to send cables had our money returned."

Treat French Orphans.

Sammy isn't enjoying Christmas all to himself. His Christmas spirit is big enough to cover everybody with whom he comes in contact. A dozen husky orderlies from the Roosevelt hospital unit went out today and hewed down a giant Christmas tree. They brought it into a certain big building, propped it up, and turned it later for the purpose of decorating branches will be hung hundreds of knitted sweaters and baby caps for the poverty stricken war orphans of their neighborhood.

The nurses themselves have agreed to give one franc apiece each month just as long as the war lasts for the education of one bright two-year-old French boy whose father—decorated with the war cross and the military medal for great bravery—is now helplessly maimed by his wounds.

CHINESE SEER HAS VISION OF A PERSHING

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The war will end in September, 1918, after an American general has done "wonderful things" on the French front, according to a Chinese prediction just received here.

Parish-Watson & Co., Chinese art importers, 560 Fifth avenue, received a large "Tang" jar, valued at \$5,000, last week. The jar was made about 1,000 years ago. When it was unpacked, a piece of blue paper was found at the bottom, upon which were four rows of Chinese characters which, when translated, read:

"Some day one American young and famous general will achieve wonderful things in the front of France, and this great world war will be ended in September, 1918."

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GERMANS SAVED TWO OF JACOB JONES' CREW

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—A German official announcement says that two sailors were saved recently by the Germans when the American destroyer Jacob Jones was torpedoed in the war zone.

Survivors had previously stated that at least one American who spoke German was taken as a prisoner by the Germans. Sixty-five lives were lost when the destroyer was sunk on December 6, last.

KEEPS ADENOIDS; DISHONORED
MACON, Ga., Dec. 18.—Private John H. Smith, Company D, 1224 Infantry, has been dishonorably discharged by a general court-martial at Camp Wheeler because he refused to permit the medical officer to operate and remove adenoid tissue. The action of the court-martial has been approved by Gen. J. L. Hayden, commander of the camp.

G. W. U. NEEDS YOUNG HEAD, SAYS STOCKTON

In a formal statement to the students of George Washington University, issued through the Hatchet, weekly student publication, Rear Admiral Charles Herbert Stockton, U. S. N., retired, who is to resign as president of the institution at the end of the current academic year, explains that the principal reason for his resignation is the imperative need of a much younger man to direct the affairs of the growing university.

"My principal reason for resigning," says Admiral Stockton's statement, "is that I am in my seventy-third year, and I feel that the university requires and should have a much younger man as president. There are many matters to be solved. There are endowments to be restored and built up, salary increases of the teaching staff to be provided for, buildings to be erected, and property to be purchased for future expansion of the university. In the ordinary course of life it is too late now for me to enter into matters of this kind, many of which may have to be postponed until the end of the war."

GERMANY PROMISED AID TO CHINA IN HINDU PLOT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Additional evidence is being brought out in the trial of a number of alleged intriguers in the Hindu plot here, to show that Germany sought to enter into a treaty with China by which the latter would send a force of Chinese into India to foment trouble there. The German government, it is said by witnesses here, pledged to protect China from all aggression for a period of five years if she would agree to the plan, which was to have become effective in 1918.

The details of the alleged plot were unfolded when a witness interpreted a number of code messages purported to have passed between a committee of German officials and a Hindu leader, a close friend of Li Yuan Hing, then President of China.

BELL-HOPS KNIT.

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